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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method of treating an eye comprising the step of applying at least one highly fluorinated oligomeric compound of the general formula